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RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM WARREN GRAY (DIA-LAO POW/MIA ANALYST) 8:20 A.M. 24
JAN THAT ^{Spec Forces} SMITH/MCINTYRE, CONGRESSMAN HERDON, AND JERRY MOONEY WILL TESTIFY
BEFORE THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 28 JAN CONCERNING THE
AFFIDAVITS THEY HAVE FILED. JERRY MOONEY IS FORMER AIR FORCE WHO RETIRED IN
JUNE 1977. AT SOME POINT BETWEEN 1968 TO 1974 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 6970
SUPPORT GROUP WITH DUTY AT NSA. HE WILL BE TESTIFYING THAT HE RECEIVED NORTH
VIETNAMESE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. EC470 IN
FEBURARY 1973. ON THURSDAY 30 JAN, ARMITAGE, WOLFIWITZ, GENERAL ?PRUTZ?,
MRS. GRIFFITH PLUS OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO REFUTE SMITH/MCINTYRE/HERDON/
MOONEY'S TESTIMONY. WARREN SAYS WE SHOULD EXPECT SOME PHONE CALLS ON
WEDNESDAY 29 JAN CONCERNING MOONEY'S TESTIMONY.

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- Jerry Mooney - damage assessment.
- is there a copy of affidavit available
- is anyone attending the VA affairs committee

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SUBJ: Senate Veteran Affairs Committee
POW/MIA Hearing; Follow-Up -
INFO NOTE

The hearing described in LAO note of
27 January 1986 was held on 28 January.
Senator Murkowski was in the chair. Senator
DeConcini was the ranking minority member
and was present throughout the hearing.
(DeConcini was a part of the recent Congress-
sional visit to Vietnam to discuss the
POW/MIA issue.)

Former AF Sgt Jerry Mooney (with
extensive SCI access and NSA tours in
 Vietnam) did
not testify and was held over for the
follow-on session on Thursday.

We have discussed his proposed testimony
with the Committee staff and they are aware
that the affidavit that Mooney was to use
as the basis of his testimony is classified
and contains information.

The GC has been asked to try, through
DOJ and court channels, to have the affidavit
suitably protected.

The LAO staff is working with the Committee staff to have the Mooney testimony presented in closed session. (An "Executive session" - that is, no public - would not be adequate. The hearing room would have to be cleared for SCI.) We understand the Committee will arrange for use of SSCI facilities for this purpose.

Our role is simply to assist the committee in assuring protection of sensitive classified information.

Other witnesses included former INSCOM MI Group personnel who charge a government cover up on knowledge of live POW sightings in SE Asia. One witness, a Mr. Barnes, who participated in the Bo Gritz escapade in Laos in the belief, he says, that the operation was government sponsored, claims he was threatened by a military officer if he testified.

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[] HISTORY OF U.S.

POW/MIA IN SEA

[]'s involvement in []

[] concerning U.S.

POW/MIA's dates back to the U.S.-Vietnam war era and rises and falls with Capital Hill pressure on the Agency. Data for this paper comes from four folders []: pre-1981; 1981-1982; BO GRITZ operation Dec 82; and May 84 - Dec 85. [] is repository for the most complete record of the Bo Gritz mission into Laos in December 1982, but all [] reports were destroyed in anticipation of the organizational inspection [] by the Inspector General 3-18 December 1984.

[] During the U.S.-Vietnamese conflict, any enemy [] referencing the capture or killing of U.S. Forces personnel was reported [] These [] were used by appropriate [] customers to size the POW/MIA situation. The first record [] to assist in resolving the POW/MIA problem after the war is 1977. In November of that year, [] personnel [] met with the DIA POW/MIA branch to discuss the [] for use [] in resolving the issue with next-of-kin. DIA provided the material, 1246 pieces,